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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

XOUCHI JONATHAN THAO, )  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE )  
ESTATE OF KONGCHI JUSTIN THAO, )

Plaintiff, )

vs. ) NO. CIV-19-1175-JD

GRADY COUNTY CRIMINAL )  
JUSTICE AUTHORITY, ET AL., )

Defendants. )

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JOHNNIE BEARL DREWERY  
TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF  
IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
ON MAY 12, 2023

REPORTED BY: JANA C. HAZELBAKER, CSR

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1           A     Oh, I'm sure he did, yeah. And I tell him,  
2     "It's going good. It's going fine."

3           Q     You say you're sure he did, but you don't  
4     remember that he did --

5           A     I don't --

6           Q     -- do you?

7           A     No, I don't exactly remember if he asked me  
8     about it.

9                     MR. KATON: Okay. Okay. Let me get the  
10    court reporter to mark as an exhibit the document  
11    that begins with -- on the first page -- "Mental  
12    Health and the United States Prison System" and then  
13    has an image.

14                    THE REPORTER: Okay. We'll mark that as  
15    Exhibit Number 2.

16                    (Whereupon, Exhibit Number 2 was marked for  
17    identification purposes and made a part of the  
18    record.)

19           Q     (By Mr. Katon) And you can look at that  
20    document as much as you need to, but for the moment I  
21    just want to ask if you recognize Exhibit 2.

22           A     I'm sorry? I think he kind of broke up --

23           Q     Do you recognize -- do you recognize  
24    Exhibit 2?

25           A     Yes.

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1 Q What is Exhibit 2?

2 A Exhibit 2 is a lesson plan that I wrote.

3 Q And do you remember when you wrote  
4 Exhibit 2?

5 A If I can remember right, I think it was  
6 about 2018.

7 Q If you wanted to figure out exactly when  
8 you wrote it, do you know of a way you could figure  
9 that out?

10 A I would have to go back to my accreditation  
11 with the Council on Law Enforcement Education and  
12 Training, but it's -- I mean, the time line is  
13 expired on it and I never did get it reaccredited,  
14 so, I mean, I don't know if I can or not.

15 Q So what did the --  
16 (Off the record due to technical  
17 difficulties).

18 VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on.

19 Q (By Mr. Katon) So before there was that  
20 interference in the transmission and I asked you if  
21 you knew of a way you could figure out exactly when  
22 you prepared Exhibit 2, you mentioned something about  
23 looking at C.L.E.E.T. training or C.L.E.E.T. training  
24 that you prepared for.

25 Can you tell me what this document has to

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1 Q Anywhere else?

2 A No, that's -- I believe that's the only two  
3 places I did it.

4 Q And do you remember how many times you gave  
5 instruction on Exhibit 2 at the jail, the Grady  
6 County Criminal Justice Authority Jail?

7 A Oh, let me see. I think maybe twice.

8 Q And when you give that instruction at the  
9 jail, do the detention officers who attend that get  
10 any sort of credit with C.L.E.E.T. or with the jail  
11 as a part of any required training that they receive?

12 A They don't get -- you only get credit  
13 through C.L.E.E.T. if you're a certified law  
14 enforcement officer.

15 Q Okay.

16 A And we have had certified law enforcement  
17 officer detention officers. But I taught this  
18 because there were -- you know, the ones that were  
19 certified. And officers from other agencies would  
20 come in and I would give them instruction on this so  
21 they could get their continuing education credit.

22 Now, as far as detention officers getting  
23 any credit, it was just marked as training,  
24 basically.

25 Q And where would it be marked as training?

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1 A Yeah.

2 Q I was just trying -- I was just trying to  
3 establish whether you had done other trainings that  
4 are not reflected on this document from outside of  
5 the time period that's shown on this document. Or do  
6 you think that between June 10th, 2015, and  
7 December 20th, 2018, that you did trainings that are  
8 not shown on the document?

9 A No, if -- if I did training between those  
10 two dates, then it's right here.

11 Q Okay. So it looks to me like there are  
12 three entries for a training entitled "Handling  
13 Mental Ill."

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q The first one is November 17th, 2016, the  
16 next one is February 11th, 2017, and the last one is  
17 9/23/2018. Do you see that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Was that you receiving training on the  
20 subject of mental illness? Three different trainings  
21 on that subject?

22 A No. As a matter of fact, that's me  
23 teaching this lesson here (indicating).

24 Q Oh, okay. So was November 17th, 2016, the  
25 first time that you taught that lesson plan of